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Dick,

I was planning on going to DC w/ Pat to brief the Congresswoman's McCarthy's staff, so we need to have a conference call beforehand. Today is good and so is Friday.. Tomorrow I'm at NiMo. What works for you and Lou? Thanks.

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Peter & John --

Can we sit down and talk about this site so that I can address HQ's questions. I am in all day Wed., please let me know your availability.

John -- See #5 -- are you still hold that day. I think we really need to get down there, although I am not looking forward to facing them

Pat

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I spoke with Jim Hart (C. McCarthy's C.O.S.) this morning and McCarthy's office had a number of concerns:

Big Picture Issues: They feel that EPA is not responsive to their requests for info. They feel like they have to think of the right questions to ask - because EPA is not

(1) the sampling results they received last week were ready last May. These are results from last year's sampling activities. Why did EPA not share until now? Was this info. shared with local fire dept., emergency officials? They were upset that the parents got the results verbally before they were notified (they had to deal with calls from the parents before getting the info. from us). This afternoon, I received a call from Joann Rising, on McCarthy's staff, that they have now learned that we shared air sampling results in writing with the parents before sharing with McCarthy's office.

(2) where are results from this Feb.'s sampling activities. They want soil, air, and water results. They want to know what was in the barrels that were removed last month.

(3) They received the 3/27 timeline but want a walkthrough of the status of items on the timeline -- e.g., did things happen on time, what were the results?

(4) They want a public meeting (not just a meeting with the 4 groups of parents who wrote to us).

(5) They want a superfund briefing -- other sites in their area, background Superfund info. -- I told them that Pat was working on getting 4/23 reserved -- they said this is the best day -- they are available early

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in day (before 11am) or in early afternoon.

(6) what are EPA's plans re: the surrounding area. They have received concerned calls from apartment dwellers, businesses in the nearby area. Some folks have heard that a billiard hall is contaminated. What do we know and what will we do?

Next steps: In OCIR, Don McKinnon, our new Deputy for Congressional, will try to get a hold of Jane Kenny. After I spoke with Jim Hart this morning, I thought that we had averted a call from McCarthy to Whitman. I'm not sure where we stand this afternoon given how upset they are about us sharing the written sampling results with the parents before sharing the results with McCarthy's office.

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